

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for generating and/or expanding a vocabulary database of a voice recognition system, comprising:
  - providing a computer-based audio module; and
  - training the voice recognition system by acoustic training using the audio module.
2. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the training the voice recognition system is performed by:
  - providing the audio module with vocabulary data; and
  - speaking the vocabulary data to the voice recognition system in an automated manner using the audio module so as to expand the vocabulary database.
3. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the training the voice recognition system is performed by providing the audio module with vocabulary data from a speech database.
4. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the training the voice recognition system is performed by providing the audio module with vocabulary data via a telecommunications network.
5. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the providing the audio module with vocabulary data is performed in a streaming mode.
6. The method as recited in claim 4 wherein the providing the audio module with vocabulary data is performed in a streaming mode.
7. The method as recited in claim 3 further comprising creating the speech database by automated speech synthesis of text data using a speech synthesis unit.
8. The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising providing the text data from a text

database.

9. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the audio module includes a speech synthesis unit which converts text data to speech data.
10. The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising providing the text data from a text database.
11. The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising:  
creating a text database in an automatic manner; and  
providing the text data to the speech synthesis unit from the text database..
12. The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the creating the text database is performed by:  
finding the text data in an internal or external telecommunications network using at least one search engine, the text data being associated with at least one search term;  
receiving the text data from at least one text data source; and  
automatically storing the text data in the text database.
13. The method as recited in claim 12 wherein the telecommunications network includes the Internet.
14. The method as recited in claim 12 wherein the creating the text database is performed by automatically reading the text data from the at least one text data source using a data processing system and wherein the automatically storing is performed using the data processing system.
15. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the training the voice recognition system is performed by providing the audio module with vocabulary data from a speech database and further comprising:  
creating the speech database by automated speech synthesis of text data from a text database using a speech synthesis unit; and

analyzing and processing the text data prior to the speech synthesis.

16. A voice recognition system comprising:
  - a vocabulary database;
  - a text database; and
  - a speech synthesis unit capable of receiving text data from the text database by acoustic speech input so as to generate and/or expand the vocabulary database.
17. The voice recognition system as recited in claim 16 wherein the text database is generated by automatically searching a telecommunications network for text data related to a selected search term.